

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/445,844
Filing Date	December 15, 1999
First Named Inventor	Shi-Jun Yang, et al.
Art Unit	1714 #8/m
Examiner Name	Medley 04/10/02
Attorney Docket Number	DN97-038

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on January 25, 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of one months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2717
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) -\$740.00 04/02/2002 GTEFFERA 00000142 012717 09445844
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) -\$110.00 01 FC:179 740.00 CH
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ 02 FC:115 110.00 CH
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed 04/02/2002 WIDOLET 00000000 012717 09445844
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Attorney Docket No.: DN 97-038

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yang, S., et al.

Serial No.: 09/445,844 Group Art Unit: 1714

Filed: 12/15/99 Examiner: M. Medley

For: "Plastic Compositions Having Mineral Like Appearance"

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The claims fee has been calculated as shown below.

Claims as Amended						
(1)	(2)* Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Prev. Paid For	(5) Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Add'l Fee
Total Claims	15	Minus	19 =	0 x	\$ 18	= 0
Indep. Claims	4	Minus	3 =	1 x	\$ 84	= 84
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) Fee**** x \$280						= 0
Total Claims Fee for this Amendment						= 84

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three month extension - \$ 920  
four month extension - \$1440

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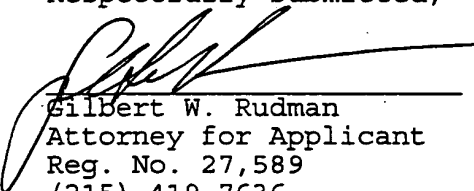
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: 1/24/02

  
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☐ BASE ISSUE FEE / ASSIGNMENT FOR RECORDATION  
☐ TRADEMARK APPLICATION / RENEWAL / USE AFFIDAVIT  
☐ APPEAL NOTICE / BRIEF / ANSWER  
☒ OTHER PAPER(S) Amend. cover sheet in dup.

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RESPONSE and AMENDMENT  
TO FINAL REJECTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 09/21/01. Since a Request for a Two Month Extension of Time, with the appropriate fee, is being filed herewith, a response is due by 02/21/02.

Please amend Claims 1 and 12, as follows:

1. (amended twice) A composite plastics composition comprising a particulate crosslinked polymer dispersed within a thermoplastic matrix, wherein:

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